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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 11, 2004,
please amend the above referenced application as follows and
reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

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reference lacks at least the disclosure of a detector which terminates the etching of the wafer when the difference in the pressure is greater than a predetermined value, as specifically recited in claim 20. Thus, the applied art lacks at least the disclosure of one of the features of claim 20. For at least these reasons, applicant respectfully submits that claim 20, and the claims that depend are patentable over the applied art. Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact William S. Francos, Esq. (Reg. No. 38,456) at (610) 375-3513 to discuss these matters.

Petition is hereby made for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 extending the period of reply to January 11, 2005. Permission is hereby given to charge Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-0238 for any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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